

A TRIBUTE TO WESNER MOISE,
M.D.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Wesner Moise, M.D. in recognition of his commitment and service to his community and his outstanding accomplishments in the field of medicine.

Wesner is the director of Geriatric Medicine at Interfaith Medical Center. He has been a solo practitioner at the same Brooklyn location for 27 years. He earned his medical degree from the State University of Haiti. He joined St. Johns Episcopal Hospital, now Interfaith Medical Center, for a rotative internship after completing an additional six-month rotation in pathology. He spent the next three years in the Department of Medicine and became chief resident. He remained very active in the Institution and served on different committees: Quality Assurance, Infection Control and the Medical Executive Committee.

Wesner has always had a special interest in the elderly. He provides free seminars to senior centers, screening examinations and flu vaccine. He is also a founding member of the Haitian Association of Physicians Abroad (AMHE), New York Chapter and frequently lectures on health care issues affecting the Haitian community. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, the New York State Medical Society, Kings County Medical Society and American Geriatric Society.

Dr. Moise and his wife Mireille, an artist, have been married for thirty-three years. They are very proud of their three children who all graduated from Harvard University. Patrick, an entrepreneur, is developing a software company in Seattle, Washington. Astrid is an aspiring academic cardiovascular surgeon. She is presently doing research on stem cells and angiogenesis at the University of Pennsylvania. Michael, a financial analyst, is presently pursuing his MBA at Columbia University. The Moises are the quintessential "Interfaith Family." His wife and four sisters all worked as registered nurses at Interfaith.

Dr. Moise's philosophy can be summarized as follows: Be all you can be, make a difference for your community, be a role model for your children, and be supportive of your family.

Mr. Speaker, Wesner Moise, M.D. has dedicated his time and medical expertise to the community through his own practice and his work at Interfaith Medical Center. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR OF GARY A. BELLER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Gary A. Beller of New York, in recognition of his retirement from an extraordinarily accomplished and distinguished career of over thirty years in the corporate legal profession.

The practice of law is itself a worthy pursuit. It is an accomplishment to do outstanding work for outstanding companies, as Mr. Beller has done for two venerable giants of the financial services industry—American Express early in his career and more recently MetLife. But what I have learned is that the preeminent characteristic of the career of Gary Beller is his devotion to best practices and legal excellence; setting the standard for highly ethical and skilled legal work and consistently exceeding that standard out of sheer energy, talent, and sense of responsibility.

As 2003 draws to a close, Gary Beller retires from his position as senior executive vice president and general counsel for MetLife. Mr. Beller joined MetLife in November 1994 and has since overseen the company's extensive legal affairs group as well as the mergers and acquisitions department. One of the notable accomplishments of his tenure at MetLife was his contribution to bringing the company public in 2003 from its previous status as a mutual company. MetLife became one of the most widely held public stocks as result of the successful completion of the transaction.

This is the kind of high quality work that has made Gary Beller well known and respected professionally. To those who know him and work with him, Mr. Beller personifies the best of the corporate legal profession. The perfect example is his chairmanship of the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association, an organization devoted to establishing the best in ethical market conduct for the insurance industry.

In addition to his professional success, Mr. Beller has also been a leader in his community. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York for 10 years and remains a Vice Chairman today. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, one of New York City's renowned social service agencies.

In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the dedication and service of Gary Beller as he retires from MetLife. He is a role model of civic involvement, corporate loyalty and professionalism, and service to the legal profession. He deserves our congratulations and well wishes as he begins his retirement.

RECOGNIZING JAMES RILEY TEETER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Riley Teeter, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 4 years James has been involved with scouting, he has earned 32 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. James is also a Brotherhood Member in the

Order of the Arrow and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, James repaired the restroom facilities at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, Missouri. He pressure washed, painted, and mortared the restrooms, and also cleaned up the surrounding ground.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Riley Teeter for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO AL KELLY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. Alfred E. Kelly from Alamosa, Colorado. He has dedicated his life to the betterment of others, and I am proud to call his contributions to this body of Congress.

Al has been the Director of the San Luis Valley Health Education Center for the last 25 years. His tenure in this position has been defined by his brilliance and unwavering dedication. Over the past quarter century, Al has been instrumental in the creation and administration of numerous charitable organizations, including the Tu Casa battered women's program, Hospice De Valle, and the Casa de Oro Center.

Al is also a founding member of the Valley Community Fund, an organization that assists 31 non-profit organizations in their fund raising efforts. He has also spearheaded numerous community programs for the benefit of low-income students, senior citizens and patients.

Despite his steadfast dedication to those in need, Al is a loving and devoted father, husband and friend. His engaging personality, integrity and conviction result in Al having a positive impact on everyone he meets. Scores of people throughout the San Luis Valley and our State have had their lives enhanced as the result of their interactions with Al.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to Al Kelly. Al's selfless dedication to serving those in need is a shining example to all Americans. The many charitable organizations that Al has supported are a testament to his altruistic spirit. On behalf of the countless people he has helped, and a grateful Nation, I would like to thank Al for all that he has done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR RICHARD J. CODEY, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY SENATE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant from my home state, Senator Richard J. Codey; as he ascends to the position of President of the New Jersey Senate. Senator Codey is being honored by his many friends and family members at a special ceremony at the Essex County Hall of Records in Newark.